

**Minutes of the Southeast PTO  
February 2, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Norma Fisher-Doiron, Monique Brown, Kim O'Keefe, Jennifer Novick, Mark Novick, Andrea Lennon, Ruth Washington, Julie Brown, Patty Braithwaite, Michele Boskovic, Mary Attardo

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kim O'Keefe**

Requested to allow Mr. Pelletier to speak first tonight.

**Referendum Vote: Dermot Pelletier: EOS Smith Renovation Project:**

High School parent Dermot Pelletier spoke to the PTO about the EOS renovation project on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Historically, there has been a lack of funding for keeping EOS facilities in shape. Athletics are very important to the student body. Most feel the referendum is just about the track but it's really about 990 students having access to, and the ability to use, an acceptable athletic complex. The proposed renovation will cost 3.95 million dollars, which is 45% of what it would take to bring it up to an ideal level. There have been meetings with the 3 towns to talk about these renovations. The Physical Education teachers highly support this renovation. It would be ready for next year if the referendum passes. The track cannot be used right now because it is too dangerous. The school is currently bussing athletes to Tolland for meets and practice. A synthetic floor would be installed for both the football field and the track. There would be bleachers for 850 people (there is no acceptable seating right now). Lights will be installed, allowing the "stacking" of events into the evening. Camps, etc. then could help raise money for the facility. There will be a concession stand, bathrooms, and they would build in better access for emergencies. The Farrell field side of the complex would have irrigation.

Dermot stated he believes that education and athletics go hand in hand and that many have observed that students do better in school if they are athletes as well. Because of this, tax payers shouldn't consider athletic expenditures as separate from spending on education in general. He thanked us for allowing him to present tonight.

**Officers for next year:**

President, Treasurer & Secretary are stepping down. We are looking for people to take over these roles.

**Budget Highlight:** 10K put in savings. 2K put aside for field trips for next year in case the budget is cut.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher-Doiron**

### **Parent's Hour: Judy Stoughton**

Mansfield's Blueprint for children to age 8

Survey available online.

Calendar of Events (on web site)

#### **Highlights**

Budget meeting at Southeast this Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. There will be a walk through school and then a meeting will follow. Kim O'Keefe will speak at the meeting to talk about what the PTO is doing.

The town has proposed the 2009-2010 budget, that is below last year's proposed budget without affecting the integrity of our programs. Some of the proposed cuts are 2 -1 year teaching positions, 4 IA positions, eliminating 1 bus by rerouting students and not filling the Assistant Superintendent position. There were various other cuts proposed that helped come in under budget. Norma encouraged people to get out and vote. Dates of the upcoming budget discussions are posted in the latest school newsletter.

#### **Projected class sizes:**

2 K classes, 22 students (enrolled right now -more expected)

1<sup>st</sup> - 3 classes, 41 students (more expected)

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3 classes, 44 students

3<sup>rd</sup> - 3 classes, 50 students

4<sup>th</sup> - 3 classes, 54 students

Inkaswasi will not come to Southeast but Southeast might want to use some of the money for something else.

Norma stated that it is more and more likely that we will go with one school in the future. The Southeast property is being considered for this new building. There is no date yet for the vote.

## **TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown**

Green Thumbs proposal for water bottles was reviewed. Suggestions were given.

Monique will talk with Mickey.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown**

January's minutes were reviewed.

Change that the next meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY (not Tuesday, as listed in minutes)

Motion for acceptance by: Kim O'Keefe

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jen Novick

All in Favor

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Julie Brown for Lesley Sweeney**

**Highlights:**

We've raised 15K so far this year which is more than we expected.

Item #7 was discussed as a need to manage money and account for future expenses.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Mark Novick

Seconded by: Jan Novick

**OTHER:**

School Dance: Space Assembly "Go for the Stars" during TV turnoff week. Looking for volunteers for the dance that Friday.

Tag sale: Looking to split up roles. Cancelled if no volunteers. Tentatively scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up going around tonight.

Family Skate: Sunday Feb 22nd from 3:30 – 4:30. There is no fee except if you need skates.

The used clothing fund drive will be the week of April 22 – May 1<sup>st</sup>; proceeds going to a needy family.

Mary Attardo – Speaking about the Before/After School Program to encourage enrollment. Jean Bell is the director. There are flyers in the office. It was suggested to put a flyer on the Parent bulletin board.

Motion to adjourn: Kim O'Keefe

Motion seconded by:

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM**  
**RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN**  
**NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2009**  
**\*\*NOTE THIS IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY IN MARCH\*\***